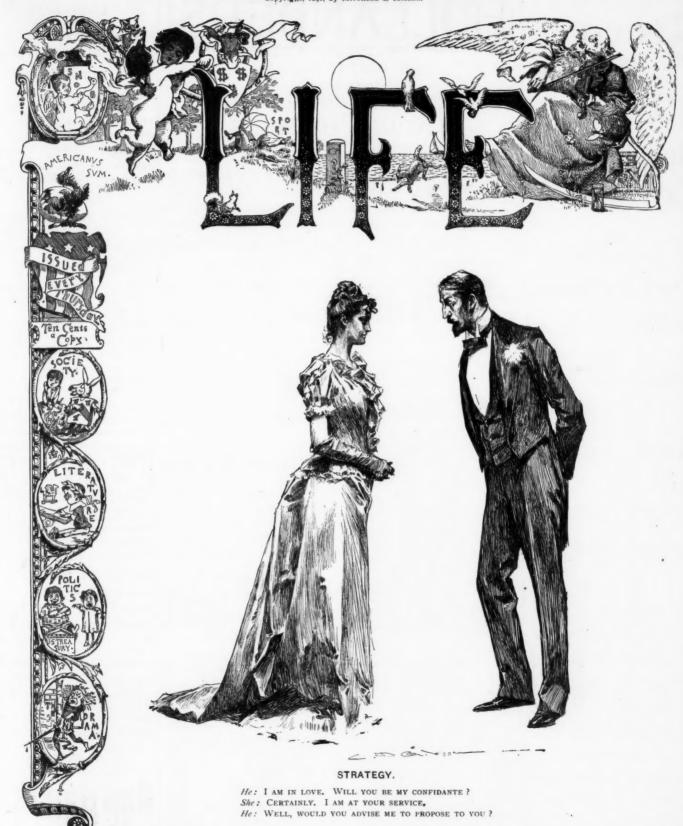
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WITH OUR APOLOGIES.

"WHEN Washington was President he had a magnificent state carriage."

"I believe so."

"But when he was at his cherry tree age he was satisfied with a hack."



A JOYOUS MOMENT.

Nervous Gentleman (who has engaged individual on left to act as guide): But, my good man, are you sure you have taken the right road?

The individual (gruffly): I know I has; we are now close to the "Bloody Gulch," where a man's skelington was found last summer with bullet holes in the skull. They tried to fix the murder on me, but (with a grin of great satisfaction)—they couldn't prove nothin'. No, they couldn't prove nothin'!



COMPENSATION.

"Dogs are more faithful than men!"

"BUT MEN HAVE BANK ACCOUNTS,"



"While there's Life there's Hope.

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T is a little unusual to have it seriously discussed whether a judge of the Court of Appeals may not be indicted for larceny, but it is an innovation that we must reconcile ourselves to. There seems to be no doubt that Judge Maynard took the Duchess County returns from the

Controller's Office, and that in so doing he committed an illegal act. Illegal acts of the size done by Maynard are punishable by fine and imprisonment. Maynard

has not been punished yet, but has been rewarded instead, because his act was useful to Governor

Hill and to the Democratic machine in this State. The chances of punishing him by conviction and sentence in due order are not great, but it is fairly probable that not even the magnitude of his services to Hill and the machine will avail to keep him on the bench except for such terms as the Governor may appoint him. It is unlikely that a man who has been caught stealing letters would dare come forward as a candidate for high judicial office.

> HE decent Democrats, by the way, are not bragging much about the Duchess County case. The substance of it seems to be that having got everything else they required by legal process, the machine had to steal Duchess County because it couldn't do without it. One would hate to leave a red-hot stove along in the room with Hill's machine, if the machine really needed a stove.

LONG about now, somehow, it seems a very good time to be an independent voter. But independence is only a veto power at the best, and if there is merely a choice of evils it isn't so satisfactory as it might be. If the choice is to be between Hillism on one side, and McKinleyism and the Force Bill on the other, even the independent voter isn't going to be any too happy. One would think it would pay the New York Republicans to put down Thomas Platt for awhile, and try to be good. Certainly they are making very little by being bad. When it comes to toughness, Hill and his tame tiger can chase them all around the ring.



T is an excellent piece of news that the Louisiana Lottery is going to take down its sign, and go out of the gambling business. No one is quite sure whether it is true, or merely a clever trick to throw opposition off the track, but the disposition is

very general to make it true, whether Morris means it to be so or not. Mr. Morris resembles the late Charles Spurgeon in being wonderfully suited to the duties of his chosen calling. If the avocation of a preacher had not been invented before, it would have to have been hit upon to fit Spurgeon. Mr. Morris, as a gambler, has shown himself peerless in the great art of letting the other person take the risk and taking the profits himself. It is a glad thought that there still remains, in the turf, some field for the cultivation and exercise of his gifts.

> HE venerable and familiar tale that Captain Cook will not coach the Yale crew this year has been confided to the newspapers. It is accompanied with detailed reports of the desperate state of Yale boating, consequent on the great scarcity of coaches. It seems that there were three ex-captains besides Cook that Captain Hartwell relied on to help him in

coaching. He cannot get any one of them. Why not? One has gone abroad; one has become a doctor, on the housestaff of a New York hospital, and cannot get away on Saturdays as he hoped he might. The third is manager of the Edison factory at Schenectady, and cannot get away at all. There are a good many people in the community who believe that a college education unfits a man for business. There is another lot of people who believe that college boating unfits a man to get a college education. The reasons given for the scarcity of Yale coaches suggests that folks of both these varieties of persuasion might get some surprising information by looking up the post-graduate records of the boating captains of Yale. They do not seem to be so worthless but that they can find use for their time. It is very much the same with the Harvard ex-captains. It is hard to find one who is out of a job and has time to coach the crew.



AFTER THE REFUSAL.

He (bitterly): You are utterly heartless! I might possibly imagine you engaged, but not by any possibility in love. She: Really? How curious! Now, do you know, I can easily imagine your being in love, but in the wildest stretch of fancy I cannot imagine your being engaged.



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TO A VALENTINE.

I THOUGHT When I bought

You

That you would fix the thing forever.

She would be mine.

I thought

When I paid four dollars

For you

That I would reap my reward In marriage.

I thought

When I sent you

That I was as good as accepted.

Alas!

And ah me!

And other exclamations.

When I mailed you

I forgot to put

Any stamps upon your milk white

Envelope.

Her papa, therefore,

TO LADIES WHO ENTERTAIN.

THE next time you give a dinner, give a good one. Do not feel that because you can afford it your dinner must consist of complex, mysterious, rich, indigestible dishes. No one wants them. All men hate them. When a man goes to a restaurant he never orders such a medley for himself. He never wishes them on his own table. Few women care for them and not one person in fifty can digest them with comfort. Although such dinners are very common in New York, they are not given because we desire or respect them but because we are a rich and vulgar people without the ability to realize our vulgarity.

There are many people in this city, and happily the class is growing, who have the good taste and the courage to offer a simpler dinner to their guests. Such dinners can be as long and as dainty as the most fastidious may desire, and they are infinitely more satisfying.

Try to bear in mind that a dinner consisting of complex and mysterious dishes is only a development of American vulgarity. When a woman gives such a dinner you are correct in supposing that either her own taste is vitiated and false or that she does it because she thinks it "the proper thing." In either case it indicates the presence of more money than intelligence.

THE WAR CLOUD.

PRIMUS: You say our government has severed diplomatic relations with Chili? I hadn't heard that. When did it happen?

SECUNDUS: Why, when it sent Egan there.

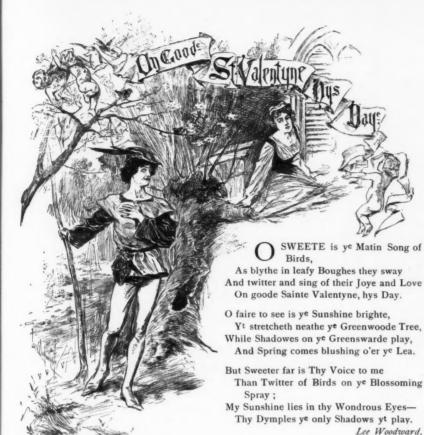
SHE: You say this valentine is \$1 and this \$2. Why, I see very little difference.

CLERK: The \$2 one, miss, has no poetry in it.



"THAT YOUNG PREACHER WE HEARD TO-DAY WAS [A FINE PULPIT ORATOR, WASN'T HE?"

"YES, IF HE COULD ONLY CONTROL HIS VOICE. HE WOKE ME TWICE DURING THE SERMON."





"CATCHING THE DRIFT OF IT."

A GOOD SQUARE VALENTINE

TRAVERS (in restaurant): Miss Palisade says she did not receive any valentine from you this year. What is the trouble?

STUFFER: You see this dinner?

TRAVERS: Yes, of course.

STUFFER (complacently): This is the valentine I was going to send to Miss Palisade.

A SENSIBLE CHOICE.

SCHOOL TEACHER (after discoursing on literature): Now, Georgie Gazzam, which would you rather be, Shakespeare or Oscar Wilde?

GEORGIE: Oscar Wilde, ma'am.

"Indeed? Why?"

"Because Shakespeare's dead."

Had to pay some forty cents,
More or less,
To get you out of the post-office.
Which angered him
And made him say
Things
No real gentleman should say.
And now I may only say that
I did not send you, when she asks me,
And
Must blushingly confess that

I think the name of the sender is

" Dennis."

Tom Hall.

MODERN HEALTH APPLIANCES.

PHYSICIAN: What you need every day is a good shaking up.

PATIENT: How would horseback riding do?
PHYSICIAN: That isn't quite severe enough. What
you want to do is to take a ride every day in one of
our hospital ambulances.



WINTER PRACTICE.

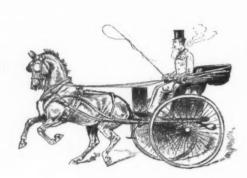
Tom (to Jim, who has rolled Harry up in a snowball): SEND HIM IN RED HOT, JIMMY. I'LL KNOCK HIM OUT DE FIRST LICK WIDOUT HURTIN' A HAIR OF HIS HEAD!

AST JNISHING EFFECTS OF GINGER UPON THE VISION.



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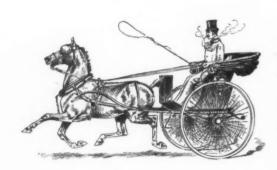


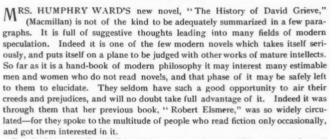
THE GINGER













But, looking at "David Grieve" as at any other carefully constructed novel appealing to the emotions and fancy of the reader, and to his good taste, there are many things about it which fascinate that less serious body of men and women who are more interested in the present moment than in problems of heredity and social science. For them Book III, "Storm and Stress," stands alone as the flower of the novel—only needing a few pages of introduction and conclusion to be complete in itself. Here are idyllic love-making, fierce passion, and tragic possibilities—all set in the gay background of Paris and the beauties of Barbizon. One must go to Richard Fenerel to find such another picture of the heart of a young man—such a sympathetic interpretation of why his greatest strength is his greatest weakness. In this part of the novel there is nothing that could be omitted, nothing to be elaborated—for here the writer ceases to be encyclopædic, and tells a story with directness and fervor.

TAKING the four books together, "Childhood," "Youth," "Storm and Stress," Maturity," there is formed a vivid impression of the author's hold on many phases of life, her intuition of what is most significant to different people, her grasp



Penelope (with an eye for art); That's a fine old Roman Ruin.

Niobe (with an eye for heraldry): Not bad; is he titled?

of the details of living—what she calls the "gospel of getting on." For her the most interesting thing is that conflict of idealism with hard necessity which makes character—and that is the meaning of David Grieve. For so many writers this conflict is a series of abstractions, but Mrs. Ward has the "visualising faculty" (which she so often refers to as the marked possession of David). She sees things as pictures of reality, not outlines—but full of color, detail, eccentricity, atmosphere. That is why you get the most perfect illusion, while you read, that Mrs. Ward has very little to do with the story, that she is merely telling you what she has seen and known of the actual life of David Grieve. The very highest achievements of fiction lie on that plane, and because of this wonderful gift Mrs. Ward puts herself under the most rigorous standard of judgment and comparison.

Then you begin to ask why with such fertility of imagination, such a plethora of material, she did not exercise the faculty of selection which her culture must have given her? If one-half of the first two books could have been chosen and the other left, the cumulative force of the novel would have gained immensely. You feel that she has set out to account for every fact in David's life by heredity and experience, and that you are not to miss a single detail in the process. The result is a most complex and highly organized machine, with lines of force and influence crossing and recrossing, until the reader is inextricably lost in trying to follow them. Then he exclaims, "Truly this writer's ways are more mysterious than the ways of Providence, and she has constructed a problem of fiction that is more complicated than the problem of life."

In the end *David* seemed to get around to the simplicity of a very great teacher, for "it seemed to him that he had been 'taught of God' through natural affection, through repentance, through sorrow, through the constant energies of the intellect."

NEW BOOKS.

ST. NICHOLAS. Volume 18. New York: The Century Company.

The Flying Islands of the Night. By James Whitcomb Riley.
Indianapolis: The Bowen-Merrill Company.

Glimpses of Italian Society in the Eighteenth Century. From the "Journey" of Mrs. Piozzi. With an Introduction by the Countess Evelyn Martinengo Cesareseo. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons.

Barracks, Bivonacks and Battles. By Archibald Forbes, LL. D. London and New York: MacMillan and Company.

Shall Girls Propose? By a "Speculative Bachelor." New York: Cassell Publishing Company.

The Alhambra. By Washington Irving. The Darro Edition. Two volumes, illustrated. New York and London: G. P. Putnam's Sons.

Women of the World, with a Search Light of Epigram. Baltimore: H. W. Dick and Company.

A Study in Girls. By Edmund Smith Middleton. New York: G. W. Dillingham.

The Garston Bigamy. By Albert Ross. New York: G. W. Dillingham.

THE POWER THAT BE.

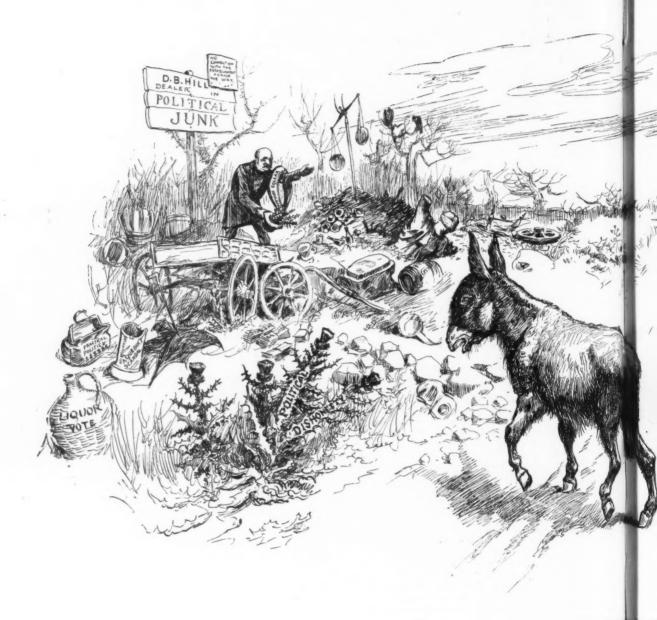
HE: I had such a delightful trip out to California. It happened that I made the aquaintance of the president of the road, who was in the same car, and I was very well treated.

SHE: What did he do for you; anything special?

HE: Oh, yes, indeed. He personally introduced me to the porter.

"H OMER must have been triplets."

"He was born in three different places."



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SAMELD JACKASS.

HEY say love is blind." "That's the reason it goes begging so much, I fancy

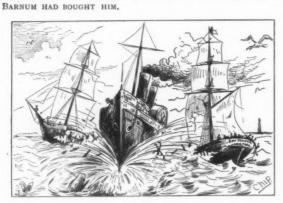
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FEBRUARY 19, 1841.

THE SHIP "GOVERNOR FENNER" RUN DOWN BY THE STEAMER " NOTTINGHAM" OUT OF DUBLIN.

MY OLD DRESS-SUIT.

M Y dress-suit is threadbare and shiny and spotted, But how can I part with this friend of my youth, To hang in some second-hand shop, or be trotted About on some restaurant waiter, forsooth! That dress-suit has sported with wealth and with station, Has heard the best music and seen the best plays, Has rested in royal content in flirtation, And consorted with beauty in various ways.

When I think of the waists that right sleeve has surrounded-In waltzing, of course-and what tresses have pressed The lapel of that coat, yum-yum! I'm confounded With "joys that we've tasted," no longer possessed-And I fondly remember the scores of good dinners, With menus delicious, that vest has embraced, And the heart-throbs it's heard; they come to beginners, They are evening emotions, by morning effaced.

And there are the trousers: for years they've been flitting About at swell parties and dancing affairs Check by jowl with the silks and the satins, or sitting Sequestered in alcoves, in nooks, on the stairs. Every thread is a chord of some sweet recollection, Every spot tells a tale of delights now no more; Dear worn-out dress suit, you inspire retrospection, Because you've been worn out so often before.

J. Harry Stedman.

EXPLAINED AT LAST.

IGGS: Statistics show that it costs three cents and a half to carry a passenger on a street car. DIGGS: Perhaps that's the reason the Broadway cars never stop for one.

SERVANT (answering bell): My master isn't in, sir; you may leave the bill if you wish. CALLER (in surprise): Bill! I have no bill. I wish to-SERVANT (in surprise also): No bill! Then you must have called at the wrong house.



FEBRUARY 22, 1864. RIOT BETWEEN THE FENIANS AND THEIR OPPONENT AT DUBLIN.



OPERATIC.

(As he returns the glass) "I don't see why they make all this fuss about the difference between German and Italian Opera. I can't see any difference—can you?"

FOR A PURPOSE.

M. FEEDER: This vest wants to be a little larger around the waist, Schneider.

SCHNEIDER: But it fits you perfectly now, sir.

MR. FEEDER: I know it fits all right now, but I am ordering *this* suit to wear at dinners!

BREAKING THE NEWS.

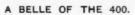
M RS. BINGO (severely):
I should like to know
where you were last night?

BINGO: Well, if the truth must be told, I was playing poker with Kingley, and, my dear, the last jack pot I bet him a new bonnet for you against a new bonnet for his wife.

MRS. BINGO: Yes, my dear; and who won?

BINGO: Well, you just wait until you see his wife next Sunday.

I T is better to be right than to have an overshadowing Secretary of State.



"CO Mary is engaged to him."

"Yes, and I know she doesn't believe in long engagements."

"So you think, then, they'll be married soon?"

"No. I think Mary likes a change."

MEPHISTOPHELES: Say, did Mc-Allister's book, "Society as I Have

ASMODEUS: It is said that he made a great deal of money out of it.

MEPHISTOPHELES: Well, if I were to write a book on the same subject, do you think it would go well?

BRIGGS: Strange things happen. A Brooklyn policeman was seen walking the streets at midnight, recently.

GRIGGS: What was the trouble?

BRIGGS: Upon investigation it turned out that he was a somnambulist.



"WELL, LITTLE BOY, WHAT'S YOUR NAME?"

"SHADRACK NEBUCHADNEZZER JONES."

"WHO GAVE YOU THAT NAME?"

"I DON'T KNOW. BUT YER BET CHER LIFE IF I FIND OUT, WHEN I GETS ME GROWTH THEY'LL BE SORRY FOR IT."



DURING my second year at the Jefferson Medical College, in Philadelphia, I had for a classmate a regular lunkhead. One of the professors

delpina, I nad for a classmate a regular funknead. One of the professors was in the habit of taking the boys unawares, and quizzing them. He said to this chap, one day: "How much is a dose of——?" giving the technical name of croton oil.

"A teaspoonful," was the ready reply. The professor made no comment, and the fellow soon realized that he had made a mistake. After a quarter of an hour, he said: "Professor, I want to change my answer to that question."

"It's too late, Mr.——," responded the professor, looking at his watch, "your patient's been dead fourteen minutes."—New York World. VISITOR (at the jail): Poor, poor man! May I offer you this

bunch of flowers ? MAN BEHIND THE BARS: You've made a mistake, miss. The feller that killed his wife and children is in the next cell. I'm yere fur stealin' a cow .- Chicago Tribune.

ONE of the professors in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology made a rather neat thrust, the other day, at certain literary tendencies of our time. He was lecturing on the domestic relationships which exist among the lower animals, and instanced, as one of his illustratrations, the case of a pair of mallard ducks who had lived together for these wears in a state of high conjural folicity. three years in a state of high conjugal felicity. At the end of that time, however, a male pin-tail duck appeared upon the scene, and the lady mallard thereupon immediately forsook her former lord for the new-comer. The latter resisted her blandishments at first; but, in the new-comer. The latter resisted her blandishments at first; but, in the end, consented to mate with her, and the unfortunate mallard was left disconsolate. "This anecdote," observed the professor, "contains, you see, all the details of the modern realistic novel, unless it be in the temporary virtue of the pin-tail duck."—Boston Journal.

"I WISH you to witness," sobbed the horse thief, under the limb, "that I die with resignation."
"You hear what he says, boys," replied the leader of the vigilantes.

"All in favor of accepting his resignation will please signify the same by pulling on the rope."—*Truth*.

SHE: Will you have your daughter instructed in the different

languages?
GREAT MAN: No; one tongue is sufficient for a woman.—Boston Budget.

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Liabilities other than Reserve, \$146,968,922 00 507,849 52 12,030,967 16 37,634,734 53 18,755,711 86 Bacolities of the bacories, Surplus, Beceipts from all sources, Beceipts to Policy-Holders, Bisks assumed and renewed, 194,470 policies, Bisks in force, 225,507 policies, amounting to 607,171,801 00 695,753,461 03

Note.—The above statement shows a large increase over the business of 1890 in amount at risk, new business assumed, payments to policy-holders, receipts, assets and surplus; and includes as risks assumed only the number and amount of policies actually issued and paid for in the accounts of the year.

THE ASSETS ARE INVESTED AS FOLLOWS: Real Estate and Bond & Mortgage

Loans, \$81,345,540 48
United States Bonds and other 5,070,153 03

Securities,
Loans on Collateral Securities,
Cash in Banks and Trust Companies at interest,
Interest accrued, Premiums Deferred, etc.,

57,661,455 78 10,223,908 90

5,206,085 49 \$159,507,138 68

I have carefully examined the foregoing statement and find the same to be correct.

A. N. WATERHOUSE, Auditor.

From the Surplus a dividend will be apportioned as usual.

REPORT OF THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE,

Office of The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York. January 25, 1892.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of this Company, held on the 82d day of December, ultimo, the undersigned were appointed a Com-mittee to transmine the annual statement for the year ending December 31, 1891, and to verify the same by comparison with the assets of the

of, 1031, and we verify the search of the duty assigned to them, and hereby certify that the statement is in all particulars correct, and that the assets specified therein are in possession of the Company. In making this certificate the Committee bear testimony to the high haracter of the investments of the Company and express their appropriation of the system, order, and accuracy with which the accounts and rouchers have been kept, and the business in general is transacted.

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— Medical News.

"Do you keep corn-meal?" inquired the man with the basket on his arm.
"No, sir," said the grocer; "we sell it. How much do you want?"
"Did I say I wanted any?" mildly asked the man

And he went out and hunted up another grocery store where the salesmen were not quite so smart. -Chicago Tribune.

HE took her hand tenderly. "A ring would look sweet on that little finger," he said—" an engagement

ring."
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TEACHER: Now, Mamie, tell me how many bones

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MAMIE: Two hundred and eight.
TEACHER: Wrong; you have only 207.
MAMIE (triumphantly): Yes, but I swallowed a fishbone at breakfast this morning.-Harper's Bazar.

THE GRAND VIZIER: Oh, your majesty! The Sultana dead! What was the disease?
THE CALIPH: Oh, Hamet, I am inconsolable!

The new executioner came this morning and I wanted to try him. She was the only one handy and (brokenly) I couldn't resist the temptation!—Prince-

EXCITED PASSENGER (on Southern railway): Con-

EXCITED PASSENGER (on Southern rational): Conductor, my wife has lost her bonnet out of the window, CONDUCTOR: How long ago was it? PASSENGER: About half an hour. CONDUCTOR: I guess we can back up. Look out of the window and see if you can see it.—Cloak Review.



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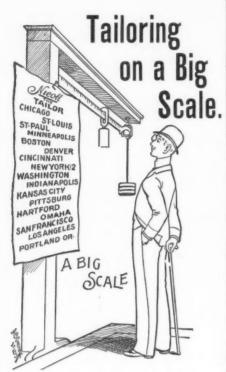
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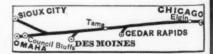
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